

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended): A liquid crystal display device comprising:
 - a first substrate with a pixel area;
 - a gate line on the first substrate, wherein the gate line includes an edge and a gate electrode;
 - an insulating layer over the gate line;
 - a data line over the insulating layer, wherein the data line includes at least two conductive members;
 - a short-prevention member on the insulating layer, over [[above]] the edge, and between the at least two conductive members; and
 - a pixel electrode in the pixel area;
 - wherein the short-prevention member prevents electric shorts between the at least two conductive members caused by residual material that extends along the edge.
2. (Currently Amended): The liquid crystal display device of claim 1, wherein the gate line includes ~~a gate electrode and~~ a lower electrode of a storage capacitor.
3. (Previously Presented): The liquid crystal display device of claim 1, wherein the data line comprises a source electrode, a drain electrode and an upper electrode of a storage capacitor.
4. (Original): The liquid crystal display device of claim 1, wherein the insulating layer forms a gate insulating layer.
5. (Original): The liquid crystal display device of claim 4, further comprising:
 - a gate electrode under the gate insulating layer;
 - a semiconductor layer on the gate insulating layer and over the gate electrode; and
 - source and drain electrodes over the semiconductor layer.
6. (Previously Presented): The liquid crystal display device of claim 5, wherein the short-prevention member is formed at a same time as the semiconductor layer.

7. (Previously Presented): The liquid crystal display device of claim 5, wherein the short-prevention member is comprised of a same material as the semiconductor layer.

8. (Original): The liquid crystal display device of claim 1, further comprising: a lower electrode; and an upper electrode, wherein the lower electrode and the upper electrode are separated by the insulating layer.

9. (Original): The liquid crystal display device of claim 1, wherein the short-prevention member is formed as an island.

10. (Original): The liquid crystal display device of claim 1, further including:
a second substrate adjacent the first substrate; and
a liquid crystal between the first substrate and the second substrate.

11 -18 (Canceled).

19. (Currently Amended): A method of fabricating a liquid crystal display device, comprising:

forming a gate line on a first substrate having a pixel area, the gate line including a gate electrode;

forming an insulating layer over the first substrate and over the gate line;
forming a short-prevention member on the insulating layer and over an edge of the gate line;

forming a data line on the insulating layer; and
forming a pixel electrode in the pixel area;
wherein the short-prevention member is disposed to prevent electric shorts in the data line.

20. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 19, wherein the gate line is formed using a wet etch process, and wherein the gate line includes ~~a gate electrode, and~~ a lower electrode of a storage capacitor.

21. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 19, wherein the data line is formed using a wet etch process, and wherein the data line includes source/drain electrodes, and an upper electrode of a storage capacitor.

22. (Original): The method of claim 20, further comprising:
forming a gate electrode under the insulating layer;
forming a semiconductor layer over the insulating layer; and
forming source/drain electrodes over the semiconductor layer.

23. (Original): The method of claim 22, wherein the short-prevention member is formed of a same material as the semiconductor layer.

24. (Original): The method of claim 19, wherein the short-prevention member is formed as an island.

25. (Original): The method of claim 19, wherein the short-prevention layer is formed by dry etching.

26 -33 (Canceled).

34. (Previously Presented): The device of claim 2, wherein one of the short-prevention members is formed over an edge of the gate electrode.

35. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 20, wherein one of the short-prevention members is formed over an edge of the gate electrode.

36. (Withdrawn): The liquid crystal display device of claim 1, further comprising a second short-prevention member.

37. (Withdrawn): The liquid crystal display device of claim 19, further comprising a second short-term prevention member.